

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on S. 342, Keeping Children and Families Safe Act.

House passed H.R. 1528, Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act.

House passed H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8167–S8260

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1289–1302, and S. Res. 176–177. **Pages S8232–33**

Measures Reported:

S. 724, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain rocket propellants from prohibitions under that title on explosive materials, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1233, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center. **Page S8232**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing New Jersey Sports Teams: Senate agreed to S. Res. 176, recognizing the National Hockey League's New Jersey Devils and National Basketball Association's New Jersey Nets for their accomplishments during the 2002–2003 season. **Pages S8201–02**

Accountant Compliance and Enforcement Staffing Act: Senate passed to H.R. 658, to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8260**

Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medi-

care program, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8169–S8201, S8202–16**

Adopted:

Enzi (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 944 (to Amendment No. 932), to prohibit an eligible entity offering a Medicare Prescription Drug plan, a Medicare Advantage Organization offering a Medicare Advantage plan, and other health plans from contracting with a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) unless the PBM satisfies certain requirements. **Page S8184**

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 228), Enzi/Reed Modified Amendment No. 932, to improve disclosure requirements and to increase beneficiary choices. **Pages S8169, S8182–89, S8198**

By 94 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 230), Gregg Amendment No. 945, to ensure that there is competition in the pharmaceutical industry and increased access to affordable drugs. **Pages S8189–98, S8200–01**

Frist (for Cochran) Amendment No. 947 (to Amendment No. 946), to protect the health and safety of Americans. **Pages S8203–15**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 229), Daschle Modified Amendment No. 939, to ensure that an affordable plan is available in all areas. **Pages S8173–82, S8198–S8200**

Pending:

Bingaman Amendment No. 933, to eliminate the application of an asset test for purposes of eligibility for premium and cost-sharing subsidies for low-income beneficiaries. **Pages S8169–73**

Dorgan Amendment No. 946, to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals. **Pages S8202–16**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the vote on final passage of S.

504 (listed below), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, on Friday, June 20, 2003, with four minutes of debate on Dorgan Amendment No. 946 (listed above) followed by a vote to occur thereon; and the consideration of certain other amendments to be proposed to the bill. **Page S8216**

American History and Civics Education Act: Senate began consideration of S. 504, to establish academics for teachers and students of American history and civics and a national alliance of teachers of American history and civics. **Pages S8216–19**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Friday, June 20, 2003, with a vote on final passage to occur at 9:15 a.m. **Page S8216**

Keeping Children and Families Safe Act—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 342, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8257–60**

Water Contract Repayment Authorization—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Page S8260**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Terrence A. Duffy, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2003.

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Anne Rader, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2004.

Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. (New Position)

C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. (New Position) **Pages S8256–57, S8260**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jackie Wolcott Sanders, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament and the Special Representative of the President of

the United States for Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Army.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—230) **Pages S8198, S8200–01**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:45 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, June 20, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8260.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

302(b) ALLOCATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee completed its review of 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013.

IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the problem of identity theft in relation to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, focusing on the impact of identity theft on consumers and the importance of information security in preventing identity theft, after receiving testimony from Howard Beales II, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Timothy Caddigan, Special Agent In Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Michael D. Cunningham, JP Morgan Chase Cardmember Services, Tempe, Arizona; Linda Foley,